

APPEAL NO. 022751
FILED DECEMBER 12, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on October 2, 2002. The hearing officer determined that (1) the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on _____, as stipulated by the parties; and (2) the claimant had disability beginning April 1, 2002, and continuing through the date of the hearing. The appellant (carrier) appeals the disability determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The claimant did not file a response. The hearing officer's injury determination was not appealed and is, therefore, final. Section 410.169.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant had disability beginning April 1, 2002, and continuing through the date of the hearing. The determination involved a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **ROYAL INDEMNITY COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Veronica Lopez
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge